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Press Communique - Article in the Saenkudabyedaya dated 24.4.1924 re abolition of Dumachattrams.

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ABSTRACT OF NEWSPAPER INTELLIGENCE.

Date [illegible] 1914.

Sl No from 1st July	Heading of article	Name of newspaper date and price	Subject

Early 26/4

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1) This shows a great ... which ... what was obviously ... and ... Please ... Please note ... Early

2) Send to Bombay Early 26/4.

ABSTRACT OF NEWSPAPER INTELLIGENCE.

Date

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3) So long ago as May 1913, a Committee consisting of Messrs C. Srikanteswara Iyer and G. Narasimmiengar was appointed to study and submit a joint report upon the organisation and working of the Muzrai Dept. One of the subjects entrusted to the Committee for study was the usefulness of the existing Annacharams. The Committee went thoroughly into the question and in their report submitted in January 1914, they expressed the opinion that owing to the advent of railways, the expansion of communications & the shifting of pilgrim & traffic routes many of the Chattrams no longer served their original purpose, and recommended that Chattrams situated near renowned Shrines, Mathas and Certain other important centres shd be retained with their standards of usefulness improved & that the remaining ones shd be converted into rest houses in order to attend to the comforts of the travelling public.

4) Govt according ordered in their order No. 804-17 (Mis. 177-14-10 & 11.10.16 that in 20 Chattrams feeding as per list printed as annexure thereto feeding be stopped & the Chattrams be converted into suitable rest houses. Suitable rest houses Sanctd subsequently for 11 and 20 to be converted

5) The Muz: Commr having in Dec 1922 that these rest houses, (fitting food in these rest houses, were fixed) were used only as hotels & that their

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There is no necessity for the Muz Dept to maintain rest houses where travellers could have food at a much cheaper rate in private hotels. These rest houses were ordered in G.O.Ms 1462-79 Muz 268-22-11 dt 17.4.24 to be abolished, the buildings wherever they existed being handed over to the D.C. Bds.

b) Of the rest Chattrams that have been abolished, but the lands have been leased out which they owned over 5 years ago.

As the Article in the Samyuktabharata says,

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Perhaps a Com. may be appointed to go into the matter

(may be omitted)

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c) Please let me have a copy of the communique

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d) As there seems to be some doubt as regards the Engineering

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e) a draft (typed) Press Communique is put up

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12) A typed fair draft is subd

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13) Before writing a press communique we may await reply if there is any comments on the draft we may also have papers. This may be kept before the 15th inst

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14) Submitted with the following cabling from the Times of India dated the 13th inst which summarises the order in question.

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15) As above

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2nd member).

16) Seen no action to be taken on press communique

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MYSORE LETTER.

STATE REST HOUSES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, May 10.

Government appears to consider that the backs of the District Boards are sufficiently strong to bear a few additional burdens, and already they have increased the number of responsibilities that rested with these local authorities. The latest development is the handing over to the District Boards of a considerable number of Rrest Houses or Travellers' bungalows. Though the State recognise their responsibility for the maintenance of first and second class bungalows in important places, practically all the third class bungalows in some districts have been handed over to the District Boards. In a recent order a further step has been taken, this time, with a view to relieving the Muzrai Department of a heavy annual expense.

In connection with the department, mainly concerned with the maintenance or temples, sacred places, charities etc, a large number of Annachattrams, or rest houses have been opened from time to time, sometimes by private gentlemen, sometimes by the department itself. But the upkeep of these chattrams, when food was provided freely to all travellers, was a heavy item in the expenditure of the department, and eight years ago it was decided that the free feeding should be stopped Instead, arrangements were made for the free lodging of the travellers, and meals were procurable at certain definite rates. But even this does not appear to have worked satisfactorily, probably because travellers could get better meals at the same price in the neighbouring hotels The cost of upkeep of an establishment has been very great and now the Department has submitted proposals for the abolition of twenty of these chattrams, and their conversion into rest houses for travellers where only accommodation will be provided.

The Muzrai Commissioner points out in his memorandum that the houses serve no useful purpose as there are private hotels for Indian travellers in almost all places of importance, where meals are provided at a reasonable rate. "The construction and maintenance of suitable buildings for the accommodation of travellers are a legitimate duty devolving on District Boards and there is no necessity for the maintenance of Rest houses by the Muzrai Department for the purpose". The proposals of the Commissioner have been accepted by the Government who now offer them to the District Boards, with the provision that, unless the buildings are used for the purpose set forth, they will be taken back by Government and sold, the proceeds to go to the Muzrai Department, which will then be in a better position to assist several of the charities now in difficulties. By this change the Department expects to save nearly Rs 10,000 every year

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Reference.- Article in the Sampadabhyudaya dated 24-4-1924 re abolition of Annachattrams.

So long ago as May 1913, a Committee consisting of Messrs. C. Srikanteswara Aiyar and C. Aravamudiengar was appointed to study and submit a joint report upon the organisation and working of the Muzrai Department. One of the subjects entrusted to the Committee for study was the usefulness of the existing Annachattrams. The Committee went thoroughly into the question and in their report submitted in January 1914 expressed the opinion that owing to the advent of railways, the expansion of communications and the shifting of pilgrim and traffic routes many of the chattrams no longer served their original purpose. They recommended that chattrams situated near renowned shrines, Tirthas, and in certain other important centres should be retained with their standards of usefulness improved and that the remaining chattrams should be converted into rest houses in order to cater to the needs of the travelling public.

Government accordingly ordered in October 1916 that in 20 chattrams as per list printed as annexure thereto (the entire, Sheet) feeding be stopped and the chattrams be converted into rest houses.

Suitable establishments were sanctioned and arrangements made therein for supply of food to travellers on payment.

The Muzrai Commissioner brought to the notice of Government that these rest houses were not much used by travellers and that it was unnecessary to maintain these rest houses when travellers could have food at much cheaper rates in private hotels. Consequently these rest houses were ordered in Government Order No. 1462-79/Muz.268-22-11 dated the 17th April 1924 to be abolished, the buildings being handed over to the District Boards.

The institutions that were abolished are not Annachattrams as the article in the Sampadabhyudaya makes out but rest houses where food was being supplied on payment.

2.5.24 per/s Rev. Sec'y & Govt

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